

PIKE COUNTY NEWS

The Indian, with his pipe of peace,
Has slowly passed away;
But the Irishman, with his pipe of pipe
Has come prepared to stay.
—Anon.

REPUBLICANS HOLD COUNTY CHAIRMEN'S MEETING.

A County Chairmen's meeting of the Republican party was held in the office of County Superintendent M. F. Campbell last Friday, and the meeting was presided over by James A. Scott, Chairman of this Congressional district. The object of the meeting was to select a time and place for the holding of the district convention, which was decided to be held at Paintsville on Tuesday, Feb. 29th. Along with others, the following County Chairmen were present at the meeting and took an active part in the proceedings: Judge S. C. Ferguson of Prestonsburg, for Floyd-co.; James Williams of Paintsville for Johnson-co.; S. H. Wright of Pikeville, for Pike-co.; Fred C. Trivette of Pikeville, for Owsley-co. by proxy, and others. Judge A. J. Kirk of Paintsville was also present.

PIKE DELEGATION RETURNS FROM FRANKFORT.

After a titanic struggle to prevent the division of Pike-co., which was defeated in the Kentucky State Senate by one vote last week, the large party of Pike men who were on the job at Frankfort throughout the hearing of the bill and long before, arrived at Pikeville in groups last week from day to day.

OFFICIALS LET CONTRACT AT WILLIAMSON.

Judge H. H. Stallard and County Attorney E. J. Picklesimer with the members of the Pike Fiscal Court went to Williamson, West Va. last Friday to meet the fiscal court of Mingo-co. in conference on the subject of letting the contract for the building of a free highway bridge across the Tug river from the Pike-co., shore to the West Virginia shore at Williamson. Bids were received last Saturday, but it is not known at this time to whom the contract will be awarded. It will probably go to the firm of Mumaw & Ross or to the Virginia Iron & Steel Co. These competitors have bids in, but each is under a different condition from the other, and it has been left up to a commission to decide which will be accepted.

The party of Pike-co. officials returned to this city Sunday night and say the contract will be placed in the hands of the builders most probably late this week.

This will be an interstate bridge, and a border county in each state will help pay for it, the two counties footing the entire building expense. The bridge will encourage interstate commerce and be a great convenience to the people living near the border line in both states. Pike-co. will greatly benefit by it.

HORSE DROWNED.

A horse belonging to Richard Thompson, Pikeville livestock keeper, was drowned at the forks of the river last week, and another horse narrowly escaped the same fate.

It is said J. Ed Hylton and Martin Powers, traveling salesmen, had been using the horses in making their trip into the upper part of the county, but on their return took the train into Pikeville after employing a young man to bring the horses in. The young man reached the ford at the forks and asked the ferryman, the river being up, to ferry him and the horses over the river, which the ferryman is said to have refused on the ground that his boat was waterlogged and therefore dangerous. While the boy went back to Judge Ford's to see about a place to stay over night one of the horses became entangled in the bridle, it is said, and walked into the river and drowned. The other horse, which also went in, was rescued.

RETURNED FROM VISIT.

Miss Eliza Davenport, who had been the guest of relatives and friends at Catlettsburg and Ashland for several days, returned to her home at Pikeville last Friday evening. Catlettsburg was Miss Davenport's former home.

GETS PROMOTION.

Dr. G. C. Bentley of Pikeville, who has for a long while represented the Moneyweight Scale Co. in this territory, will be promoted on account of unusual sales ability to the position of state manager for his company with offices at Louisville. He will take charge of his new responsibilities early next summer. His energies in putting his product on the market have placed him at the head of the list of salesmen for Kentucky, and this is the reason for his removal to a position of bigger responsibilities.

TRIVETTE GROCERY GETS NEW LOCATION.

The Trivette Grocery Co. has obtained a lease on the new store room on the first floor of the new I. O. O. F. building on Second-st. Manager Isaac Clevinger said this week that the store would be moved from the present location on Main-st. to its new quarters towards the close of the present month. The new place of business will be a handsome and commodious location for the grocery store, and Mr. Clevinger will improve all the advantages it affords.

HUNTINGTON BASKETBALL PLAYERS ENTERTAINED.

The basketball team of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, West Va., visited the Sandy Valley last Friday and Saturday, and played the Y. M. C. A. team at Jenkins Friday. The Jenkins team is said to have well defended its invincible reputation and took the victory by a small margin. The visiting team came to Pikeville Saturday afternoon and engaged the team of the high school at the gymnasium. The game was a tie on 25 scores for each team. In the first half the Huntingtonians scored a brilliant lead and stood well ahead when the intermission came; but from the beginning of the latter half the high school athletes showed rapid gains, and the

game closed neck-and-neck.

Miss Price Entertains.

Miss Donyssus Price entertained the Huntington boys and a large number of her young friends at the home of Dr. J. D. Meade and Mrs. Meade on Second-st. Saturday evening. The occasion was in the nature of a reception in honor of the visiting team, and it was largely attended by the young people of the city, and all enjoyed very much the welcome extended to them by the charming young hostess. Refreshments were served.

MARRIED AT PRAISE.

Miss Florence, the 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cure of Elkhorn City, was united in marriage to Elisha Mullins, the 21-year old son of G. W. Mullins, merchant, also of Elkhorn City, last Friday. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents. The young people are well known and very popular. The groom is also a merchant of Elkhorn City, and they will make their home at that place.

NEW GRADE TEACHER.

Miss Mary Crawford, daughter of Dr. J. Russell Crawford, arrived from Winchester last Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday she joined the faculty of the city graded school, succeeding Jas. Elliott as teacher of the 7th and 8th grades. Miss Crawford was until recently a teacher in a school near Winchester, and had for a long while been a student in that city. She is very popular with the students of the grades.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING CLOSED.

Rev. M. C. Reynolds, pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city, closed a very successful series of evangelistic meetings at Cliffe, Floyd county, near Prestonsburg, last Sunday evening. The meetings resulted in a large number of conversions and 27 accessions to the church. Mr. Reynolds said that a new church will be built at Cliffe at once, and the congregation there is strong and growing.

Start Revival Here.

Mr. Reynolds will open a revival at Pikeville beginning March 14th, to continue indefinitely, and he will be assisted by the District Superintendent, Rev. William Davenport. Rev. J. Howard Anderson of Ashland and others. This revival promises to be a close rival to the widely successful series of meetings held at Island creek recently. In regard to the settlement of the building debt on the beautiful new church, Mr. Reynolds has received some very encouraging letters from Louisville and some other places. Funds have been promised that will go far toward settling the claim, one man having offered \$2,000 upon conditions.

SAYS ROYAL THEATER WILL BE OPENED.

John A. Bentley, owner of the Royal Theater, says the theater, which has been closed for some months, will be opened again immediately after April 1st, at which time the rental contract now held by Sam Saad of this city will expire. Mr. Bentley at the present time has a view to operating the theater himself, though he claims to have had a number of liberal offers for the theater and moving picture rights. He said that several improvements would be made, and that all that is possible will be done to make it a first-class place of innocent amusement.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church of Pikeville observed "Endeavor Day" at the service last Sunday evening. Mr. Paul Record presiding. This was in honor of the 35th anniversary of the Pikeville Society. The program was entertainingly filled with special music, responsive readings, and interesting addresses. The Endeavor Choir, organized and conducted by Mrs. W. W. Gray, rendered some very interesting selections. The Society at present enjoys the largest membership in its history, and is having a most satisfactory growth.

LAW CLASSES GOES TO PRESTONSBURG.

On Thursday of this week a class of three young men from Pikeville were to have been examined before the Floyd Circuit Court at Prestonsburg for license to practice law. These were Chief of Police Sidney Trivette, Tom Smith and Frank P. Damron. It will require about two days to complete the inquiry into their legal learning, but they are well grounded in the science of the law, and their successful passage is confidently expected.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.

All the ladies of Pikeville that feel an interest in civic affairs are urged to attend the meetings of the W. C. T. U. held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 of each week. The meetings are held at the public school building, and an interesting program will be on hand at each meeting. In addition to the usual W. C. T. U. work an effort for better civic conditions at Pikeville will be put forth. The order wishes to have the support of all interested in this great work.

OFFICE BOYS' SERIES.

A feature of the very interesting development of basketball at Pikeville is the organization of a team among the office boys of the city. This team and the high-school team have agreed on a series of games to be played one each week until March 1st. The first game was played on Thursday of this week. The proceeds of the game will go toward paying for the installation of lights in the gymnasium so that night practice can be carried on.

FARMER DIED TWO YEARS AFTER INJURY.

James Farmer, aged about 40, and a farmer of near Lookout, this county, died last Sunday night at about six o'clock. His death is said to have been the result of injuries received two years ago, and it is said that since receiving the injuries his health had steadily declined. A Pikeville under-

taker was called to Lookout Monday morning to prepare the remains for funeral and interment.

Mr. Farmer is said to have been one of the best citizens of that locality, and he enjoyed a wide range of respect and neighborly good will among the people of this community.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

J. Ed Hylton, wife and little son of Bluefield, West Va., are here for a visit to friends. Pikeville was the former home of Mr. Hylton and his family; but Mr. Hylton recently became connected with the Arbuckle Bros. coffee company and was stationed at Bluefield. He is now working the Big Sandy Valley, which was put in his territory by his special request. Mr. Hylton occupies a very high position in his company's list of salesmen.

Mrs. John W. Call was called to Shelbyville last week by the critical illness of her father, Henry Sowards. She will remain at his bedside until his condition is improved.

Superintendent G. M. Gillette of the Consolidation Coal Co. at Jenkins spent Sunday at Pikeville.

The edge of a severe winter storm that appeared to have been centralized east or southeast of here passed thru the upper Sandy last week leaving a thick covering of snow. From reports below, it appears that the storm was only slightly felt west of this place.

More than six hundred students are now attending Pikeville schools.

City Council held a call meeting Monday evening.

The Williamson Reflector is the name of a four-column folio weekly newspaper just started at Williamson, W. Va., by Mr. Kenna Blackburn, editor. It is a strong advocate for the division of Pike-co., Ky.

W. T. Bradley of Prestonsburg, was here Monday.

Attorney Conrad Kirk of Paintsville was in this city during the early part of the week.

Mrs. George W. Gray returned this week from a visit of several days to Bluefield, Huntington and other points in West Va.

Cedar Lawn is the name recently given to the beautiful farm which is the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Polley near Keyser.

The Misses Myrtle Polley and Dixie Belcher, from Millard and Belcher Sidling are attending the Pikeville public school.

The German Club held its semi-monthly meeting at the home of Miss Mary Morgan in West Pikeville last Friday evening.

Hon. John W. Langley has publicly announced his intention of entering the Congressional race on the Republican ticket to succeed himself this year.

LETCHER COUNTY AND WHITESBURG.

What is Happening in this Rich Coal Territory of Kentucky.

WHITESBURG, Ky., Feb. 8.—After an all week hard legal battle the bitterest ever fought out in the Letcher Circuit Court for a similar charge the Albert Copley damage suit against the Louisville & Nashville railroad company came to a close at a late hour Friday evening, resulting in a verdict of \$12,000 for Copley. It will be remembered that Copley lost a leg in an accident at Neon in August, 1914. Attempting to board a moving passenger train Copley asserts that he was pushed off by brakeman Lutes, one of the train crew, that he fell under the wheels of the rear coach resulting in the loss of a leg. Arrayed on the side for Copley were Judge W. G. Dearing formerly of Louisville; Robert Blair, David Hays, and French Hawk, Whitesburg, while Judge Samuel M. Wilson, Lexington, Jesse Morgan, Hazard, T. D. Fields, D. I. Day and Louis E. Harvie, Whitesburg.

It is announced that the railroad company will take an appeal.

It is said here to-day that the most of the remainder of the Letcher Circuit Court will be taken up in trying out damage suits against the railroad companies and the different coal-mining corporations, there being a number of important cases set down. It is likely that the \$7,000 damage suit of Loyd Webb, a teacher at Sergeant against the Louisville & Nashville for injuries received in a lever car accident near Craftsville two years ago in which Webb suffered a broken leg and other injuries will come up to-morrow. Judge Butler is disposed to try out as many of these cases as possible.

Telephone advices received here from Shelby Gap east of here Thursday tell of a serious accident to the little 6-year-old son of E. L. Rose, a Shelby Gap farmer. A smaller brother threw a sharp stick at the older brother knocking out an eye. The little fellow was taken on the early morning train Friday to Ashland where a specialist will treat the wound.

Several cases of scarlet fever developed during the week at McRoberts. Physicians immediately took the matter in hand and are doing everything possible to prevent any further spread of the disease, said to be of a very malignant form.

The Elkhorn Coal Corporation at Fleming let a contract to the Sandy Valley Construction Co., of Praise, Pike-co., for the construction of fifty additional miners' houses at Haymond on Potters Fork in the coal fields. It is said also that the company is planning the erection of about the same number of houses in Fleming in order to make the necessary increases that are planned for the immediate future. This same contracting company was awarded another big contract for The Blue Diamond Coal Co., in the new First creek section of Perry-co. It in-

cludes miners' houses, commissary, Y. M. C. A., a church and a school building.

Again the talk is revived of the building of the Rockhouse creek branch of the Louisville & Nashville from Blackey into the headwaters of that tributary, opening up a rich undeveloped coal section of Letcher county. The survey was made about two years ago and the right-of-ways secured. It is generally believed that this very important branch, from a coal and timber standpoint, will be built this year. All indications point that way.

John L. McCormick of Big Stone Gap, Va., representing The Mineral Development Co., Philadelphia, spent several days in this county during the past week. His company owns some large areas of fine coal lands in the county, and it is said the company is rapidly making arrangements for extensive development work to start soon. It is likely that the first development work will be in the Colly creek section immediately above this city.

Owing to the severe weather and heavy snow of the week just passed outside development work, county road building, etc., has been much delayed. At this time there are indications of fairer weather and work will be resumed. Despite bad weather and other disadvantages the road work progresses right along.

Mr. E. J. Rose representing The Champion Bridge Co., Wilmington, O., has been here for several days in conference with the Fiscal Court members regarding the building of the two or three steel bridges planned to be built by the county this year. It is likely that Mr. Rose will get the contract, as his company has already built five or six bridges in the county, the work being eminently satisfactory.

Letcher will build several thousand dollars in bridge building this year in order to keep abreast of the times.

There is not more or less talk of the construction of a line of railroad, the Kentucky & Virginia from Benham in the Harlan county coal fields, up Cumberland river through vast rich coal beds in Letcher county, and so on into Wise-co., Va., connecting at Norton in the center of the Southwestern Virginia coal fields. The new extension would be about 60 miles long and would tap a section as rich as any in Eastern Kentucky. A survey was made sometime ago, and at this time the general opinion among railroad people, that the road is assured, its construction to start this year.

Owing to the continued increased heavy traffic of coal and lumber now going over the L. & E. branch of the Louisville & Nashville it is with much difficulty that passenger trains are operated over the road. Practically all passenger trains are running late, due to the large number of trains now being operated. With the increased demand for the Elkhorn coal in the leading market centers of the country it is difficult to conjecture just how trains are to be operated with any degree of certainty. It will be necessary to add a number of other trains at once, according to officials of the road. The coal mining business is actually moving with great rapidity.

It was with unusual regret that the news of the death of Mrs. Hiram W. Holcomb was received here this week. Mrs. Holcomb's death occurred at Walsh, Greenup-co. Her children, Mrs. George W. Jenkins, Whitesburg, Mrs. Hiram Taylor, Colly, and Townsend and Prince E. Holcomb of Baker were present when the end came. She was a good woman and well and favorably known all over Letcher county where she leaves many friends, relatives and kindred. We extend heartfelt sympathies to the sorely bereaved. Another good woman is gone.

A surprise wedding took place at "Sandlick" near here when Mr. Stephen P. Cornett, aged 24, here was married to Miss Maggie Lewis, aged 21 popular young teacher, daughter of Road Engineer L. N. Lewis. The bride is one of Letcher's most talented young women, a member of one of the county's best families, while the groom is at present an efficient deputy sheriff and First Lieutenant of the Letcher County Company National Guards. For the present they will reside in Whitesburg.

Col. L. N. H. Salyer, Whitesburg's "Grand Old Man" for many years a nestor of the Whitesburg bar, one of Eastern Kentucky's best known and best loved citizens is seriously ill in his home here at the age of 90. His friends, who are legion, fear the end is near.

WHITESBURG, Ky., Feb. 9.—Telephone advices from Millard, Pike county east of here late Monday night tell of the sudden serious illness of Eld. Peter Adkins aged about 78 years, formerly of this county who moved to "The Forks" in Pike county about ten years ago. The report says that Eld. Adkins' death is hourly expected. He has many friends and admirers all over Letcher county who will be grieved to hear of his dangerous illness. Two sons, W. B. Adkins resides on Rockhouse in this county, while Dr. Boaz Adkins lives at Neon.

Republican County Chairman D. I. Day has made a call for a county convention to be held here Feb. 26 for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State Convention at Louisville March 1. An effort will be made to closely unite the party in the county this year.

A jury here Monday afternoon tried Harrison Whitaker of the King's creek section of the county on a charge of lunacy. He was adjudged insane and will be committed to the Eastern Kentucky Insane asylum at Lexington. Whitaker is about 15 years old.

U. S. Marshal John M. Riddle, Monday morning arrested Calvin Madison, aged 20, on a charge of peddling and bootlegging moonshine whiskey in the vicinity of Fleming and Haymond in the coal fields section. He was brought to Whitesburg where he will be tried before U. S. Commissioner Samuel Collins.

A jury was selected Monday afternoon and the damage suit of Ech Combs against the Louisville & Nash-

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ville railroad company for \$2000 damages was begun in the Letcher Circuit Court. Combs alleges that the railroad company in its right of ways split his farm open near Roxana and that the company failed to furnish proper and lawful crossings. He also alleges that much damage has been done him by blasts, etc.

At Colson Monday night Mr. Ezra Everage, aged 17, son of F. M. Everage was married to Miss Ella Parnham, aged 16, pretty girl of Knott county, Squire W. S. Collins officiating. The wedding came after a brief courtship.

Marriage licenses issued by County Clerk R. B. Bentley since last week are as follows:

Roy Williams, 26, Whitley-co., to Miss Ada Lee Spicer, aged 19, formerly of Webster-co., W. Va., to be married at Jenkins; C. Lawrence, 23, to Miss Martha E. Miller, 22, at Jenkins; Irvine Brown, aged 26, to Miss Julia Caudill, aged 19, at Roxana; Raymond Bates, 21, to Miss Emma Steel, 16, formerly of Breathitt-co.; Randall Maggard, aged 23, to Miss Lydia Collins, 20 at Colson; Mr. Stephen Cornett, aged 24, to Miss Maggie Lewis, 21.

Mr. M. C. Cornett a business man of Perry-co., was here yesterday from Daisy.

Representative John S. Webb came up from Frankfort and visited his family for several days, returning Sunday to assume his Legislative duties.

Mr. P. T. Wheeler of Hazard was a business visitor in Whitesburg during last week.

J. M. Russell hustling London traveling man was here yesterday boosting trade.

Mr. John A. Goodman a hustling business man of Elkton, Todd-co., was in Whitesburg this week perambulating.

Mr. J. C. Wilcox of Hazard spent the week-end with friends in town.

Mr. J. F. Carnahan wide-awake Louisville traveling man, well known throughout the Big Sandy Valley spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mr. C. L. Frederick, Portsmouth, O., traveling representative of The Remington Typewriter Co., spent the first of the week in Whitesburg.

Mr. F. Bartley a good business man of Jellico, Tenn., is registered here for a few days.

J. G. Bailey of Chicago, and W. A. Harrison of Knoxville are here on business.

Mr. W. W. Oliver insurance hustler of Hazard spent Friday and Saturday in Whitesburg.

Mr. Charles E. Davis of Evansville, Ind., arrived here Monday and will be here for a few days seeing the merchants.

Mr. I. N. Horton of Campton, Wolfe county was in town the latter part of last week.

Mr. Clarence C. Pratt of Jackson, interested in a big logging contract in the Boone's Fork section was here Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Lee Allen of Quincy, Ill. is in Whitesburg for a few days sojourn. He is closing a tour of the coal fields of Eastern Kentucky.

Mr. J. L. Reed of Frankfort was in the city Thursday and Friday.

J. G. Eversole, London, and H. C. Powell of Louisville were here during the week-end.

Mrs. George Wright of Fleming passed through here Monday enroute to Virginia City, Va., on an extended visit. She rode horseback from here to Stonega, Va.

DOINGS OF JOHNSON COUNTY PEOPLE.

News From Paintsville and the Surrounding Country.

Judge J. F. Bailey is at Jackson, Ky., attending court this week.

Miss Mary Hager is at Wayland, where she is the guest of Miss Jessa Vaughan for a couple of weeks.

Clove Bush, who has been sick for several weeks with tuberculosis of the bone, passed away yesterday afternoon and was buried today. He leaves a wife to mourn her loss, besides sisters and brothers and a mother. The bereaved have the sympathy of all Paintsville people.

Mrs. Nell McCormack, of Charleston, W. Va., has been here a few days the guest of Miss Virginia Stratton.

ville's charming young ladies, and Dornin Picklesimer, of Ana, Ky., were united in marriage Thursday evening, by Rev. E. J. Harris. Quite a number witnessed the ceremony.

Mrs. L. G. Rice entertained to dinner today, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kirk.

Constable A. J. Price had the misfortune to fall the other day and cut himself in the head. The wound, although not serious, has given him considerable pain. He is able to be out.

Miss Jessa Vaughn, who has been here, visiting her sister, Mrs. Elmon Clay for the past week, has returned to her home at Wayland.

Colley Powell, of Van Lear, spent Sunday here the guest of his mother.

Misses Mildred Jones and Lillian Worley, students at Sandy Valley Seminary, spent Sunday at Van Lear, visiting their parents.

Miss Virginia Hager, of Louisa, who has been here the guest of her cousin, Miss Anna Hager, left this morning for her home.

Rev. O. J. Carder received the set of dishes at John H. Preston & Son's store.

Miss Myrtle Nelson has returned from points up the river, where she has been visiting. She visited her father at Shelby, and friends at Elkhorn City, also spent a few days at Pikeville, the guest of friends.

Judge Ashland Patrick, and A. H. Adams, prominent men of Salyersville, passed through here yesterday enroute to their home. They had been at Pikeville on business.

A new postoffice has been established at West Van Lear for the convenience of the people living there. It will be located near the C. & O. depot and Mr. Chaffin, a business man of that place will be postmaster. The office will be open within a few days and will prove a convenience to the people living in that section.

The Touse-Davis Lumber companies have bought the boundary of land below the mouth of Paint creek and are installing a large band mill on same. Their planing mill which is located above the mouth of Paint creek will shortly be moved to their new location.

This is the last week of the big Union Revival meeting started one month ago. It has been definitely decided to close the meeting Sunday evening of this week. It is hoped that the last week will be the best work of all and from the first three days of it we are sure it is going to be the best of all. The church people are working harder this week than ever before for the unsaved.

Already about 75 people have been converted and it is hoped that by the last of the week that the one hundred mark will be reached.—Paintsville Herald.

MISS HAZELIP FIRST WOMAN TO HOLD PLACE.

Miss Ora Hazelip, of Brownsville, enjoys the honor of being the first woman lawyer holding a position in the legal department of the State. She is law clerk, succeeding Robert Caldwell, who has resigned to enter private practice. Miss Hazelip was in the office of Attorney General Logan at Brownsville and practiced law there. She came with him to Frankfort as his stenographer and remained in that capacity until her recent promotion. She has been at the head of the Daughters of Rebekah in Kentucky and is a good parliamentarian as well as an attorney.

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